# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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COMMUNITY MONITORING UNDER NRHM
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Advisory Group on Community Action of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has recommended community monitoring for effective implementation of the programmes;

(b) if so, the actions taken thereon;

(c) whether the report presented to the Government on the completion of the first phase of the Community Monitoring taken up in nine States suggests that the Government should support community action;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) the other points mentioned in the report;

(f) whether the Government has considered the same; and

(g) if so, the steps taken to implement the same?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (g) Advisory Group on Community Action (AGCA) has recommended community monitoring in certain selected States. Accordingly, the community monitoring process has been taken up in nine States viz. Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

The report of the first phase of community monitoring namely "Reviewing Hopes and Realizing Rights" suggests that the Government should support community action. The report, also recommends that community monitoring be linked to village level planning. The report also mentions the involvement of ASHAs to enable the link between planning and monitoring at village level. The report further recommends the involvement of NGOs, who are part of the first phase at various levels, as resource centers, to provide technical support in developing training materials, training VHSCs and health officials, on-site support for the VHSCs etc.

States are being encouraged from time to time through letters and communications to coordinate with AGCA members to initiate and enable effective implementation of the community monitoring process.